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West Lafayette Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that Pennie Ainsworth has been named the Indiana Parks and Recreation's (IPRA) Distinguished Life Member. Pennie will be honored at the annual IPRA conference, January 13 in Bloomington, IN.

The Distinguished Life Member Award acknowledges a parks and recreation professional who has dedicated their time to improving the quality of their community and supporting the parks and recreation movement through Indiana. This individual has shown strong leadership through community outreach, inspiration to others, and note-worthy contributions to the field of parks and recreation. The nominee must have at least 20 years of IPRA involvement and has served at least 5 years in an IPRA leadership position.

Pennie has been with the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation for 41+ years. Some community programs Pennie has introduced include, the Pepsi 10K race, Pitch, Hit & Run, Punt, Pass & Kick, Hershey Track, Senior softball, Haunted Hike, as well as the creation of Global Fest, an event that celebrates West Lafayette's cultural diversity. Pennie is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, Certified Playground Safety Inspector and is a member of the City's ADA, Safety, Health Promotions and Centennial Celebration Committees.

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If you would like more information please feel free to contact me.

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